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SUBJECT: CENTO SITUATION PAPER

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1. WE CAN ACCEPT SECRETARIAT REVISION OF PARA 35 IN REFTTEL IF PAK AND OTHER REPS DO SO. SHOULD PAK REP CONTINUE TO INSIST ON INCLUSION OF HIS AMENDMENT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD AGREE TO ITS APPEARING IN BODY OF PARAGRAPH, PROVIDING IT IS IDENTIFIED AS PAK OPINION.

2. WE HAVE CAREFULLY RESEARCHED STATEMENTS MADE BY INDIAN FONMIN SINGH DURING HIS VISIT TO IRAN IN FEBRUARY AND CAN FIND NO SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ON ONLY OCCASION DURING VISIT IN WHICH SINGH PUBLICLY DISCUSSED REGIONAL SECURITY, IT WAS IN CONTEXT OF INDIAN OCEAN. HE

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REPORTEDLY SAID THAT INDIAN POSITION ON SECURITY OF OCEAN

IS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF IRAN. WHILE GOI PUBLICLY HAS NEITHER REJECTED NOR SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE BASIC INDIAN POSITION IS THAT ANY SUCH INITIATIVES SHOULD COME FROM COUNTRIES IN AREA, NOT FROM OUTSIDE POWERS. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT INDIANS HAVE EVER ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA TO ENDORSE SOVIET PROPOSAL. WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE SHOULD DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH 35 CONTINUE.

3. FYI: INDIAN IN-HOUSE ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET PROPOSAL SEEMS TO BE NEGATIVE. THEY APPARENTLY BELIEVE POLITICAL SITUATION IN AREA IS NOT PROPITIOUS FOR SUCH A SCHEME AND THAT PROPOSAL'S EMPHASIS ON SECURITY MAY AROUSE SERIOUS MISGIVINGS AMONG COUNTRIES IN REGION SHOULD SOVIETS PURSUE IT. RUSH

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